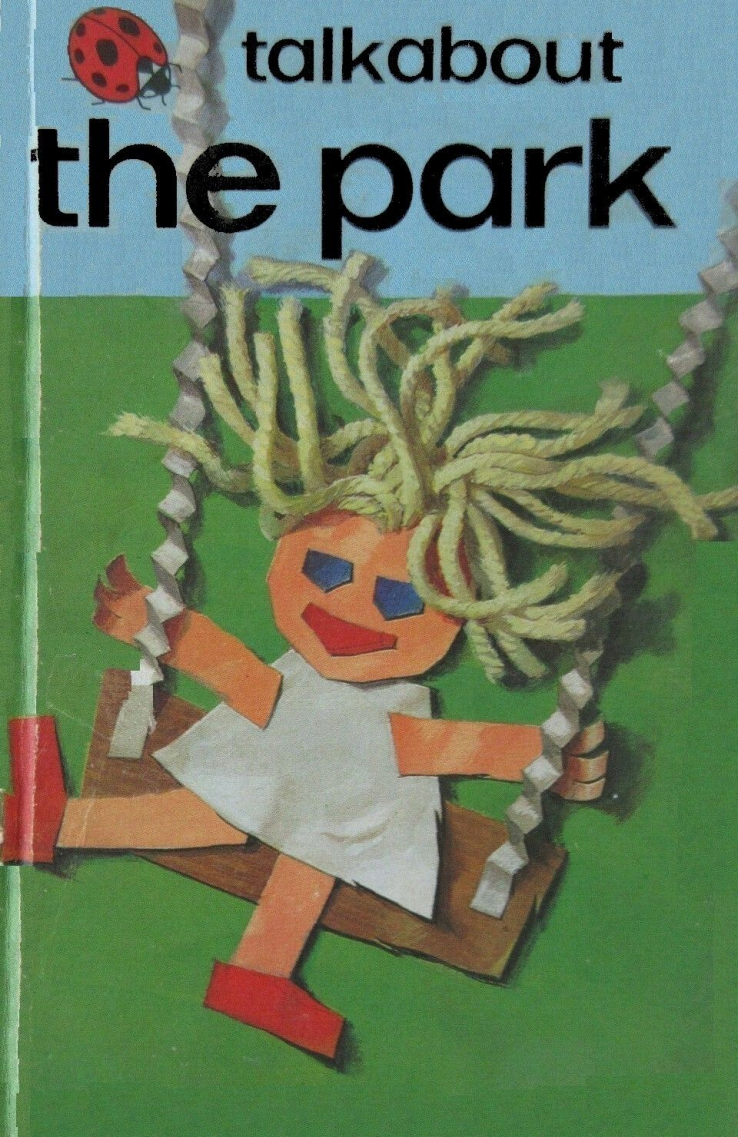
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Education begins long before a child goes to Infant School . . .

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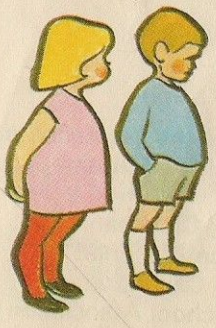
All the books in this **talkabout** series are designed to stimulate conversation between child and adult, encourage the early growth of vocabulary, assist mental development and provide a sound basis for future progress in reading and general awareness.

The use of too many questions has been avoided, as it is more important to encourage comment and discussion than to expect particular answers.

Care has been taken to retain sufficient realism in the illustrations and subject matter to enable a young child to have fun identifying objects, creatures and situations.

It is wise to remember that patience and understanding are very important, and that children do not all develop evenly or at the same rate. Parents should not be anxious if children do not give correct answers to those questions that are asked. With help, they will do so in their own time.



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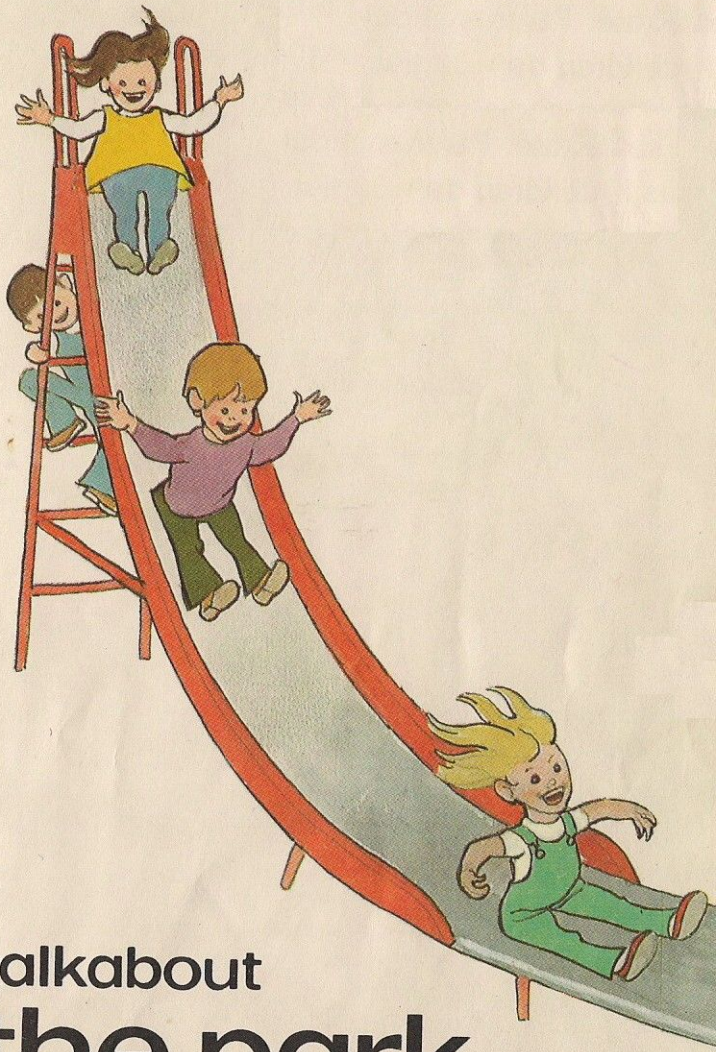

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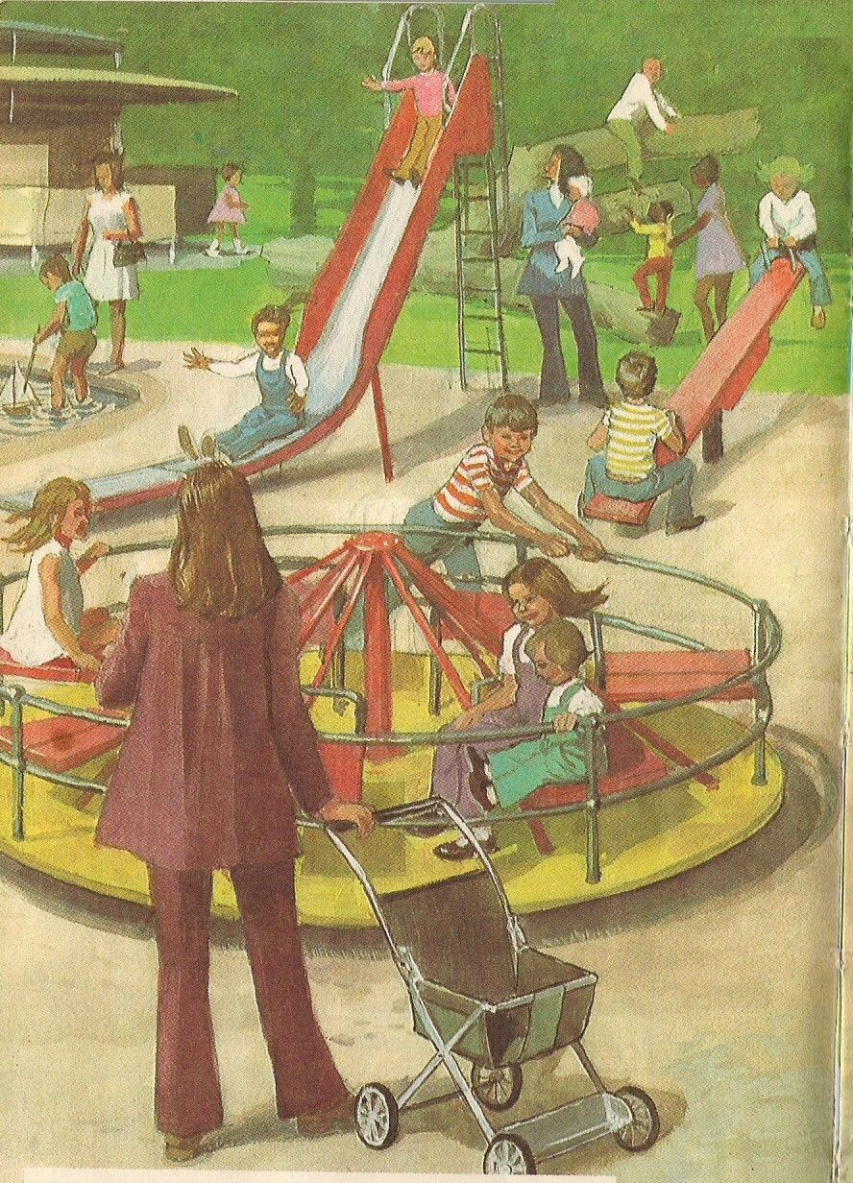

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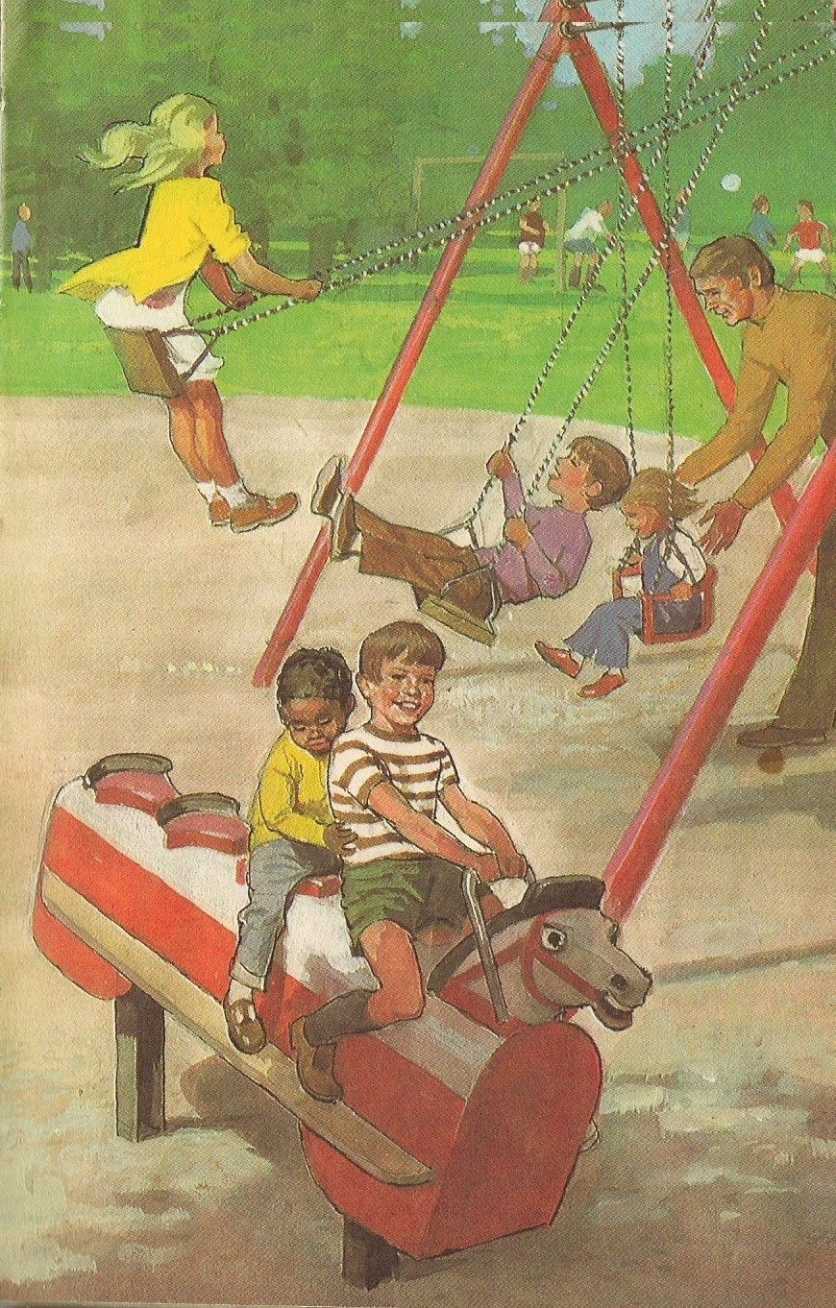

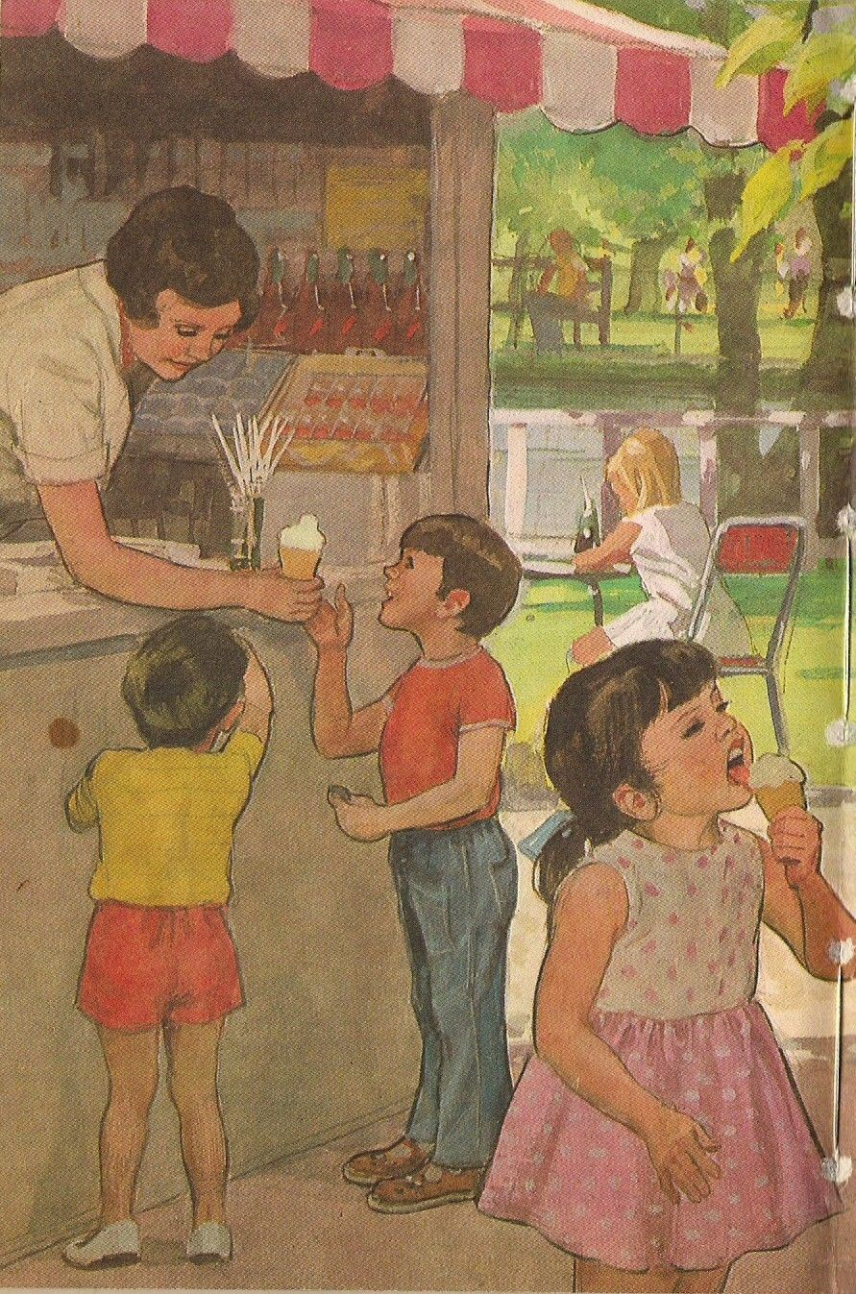

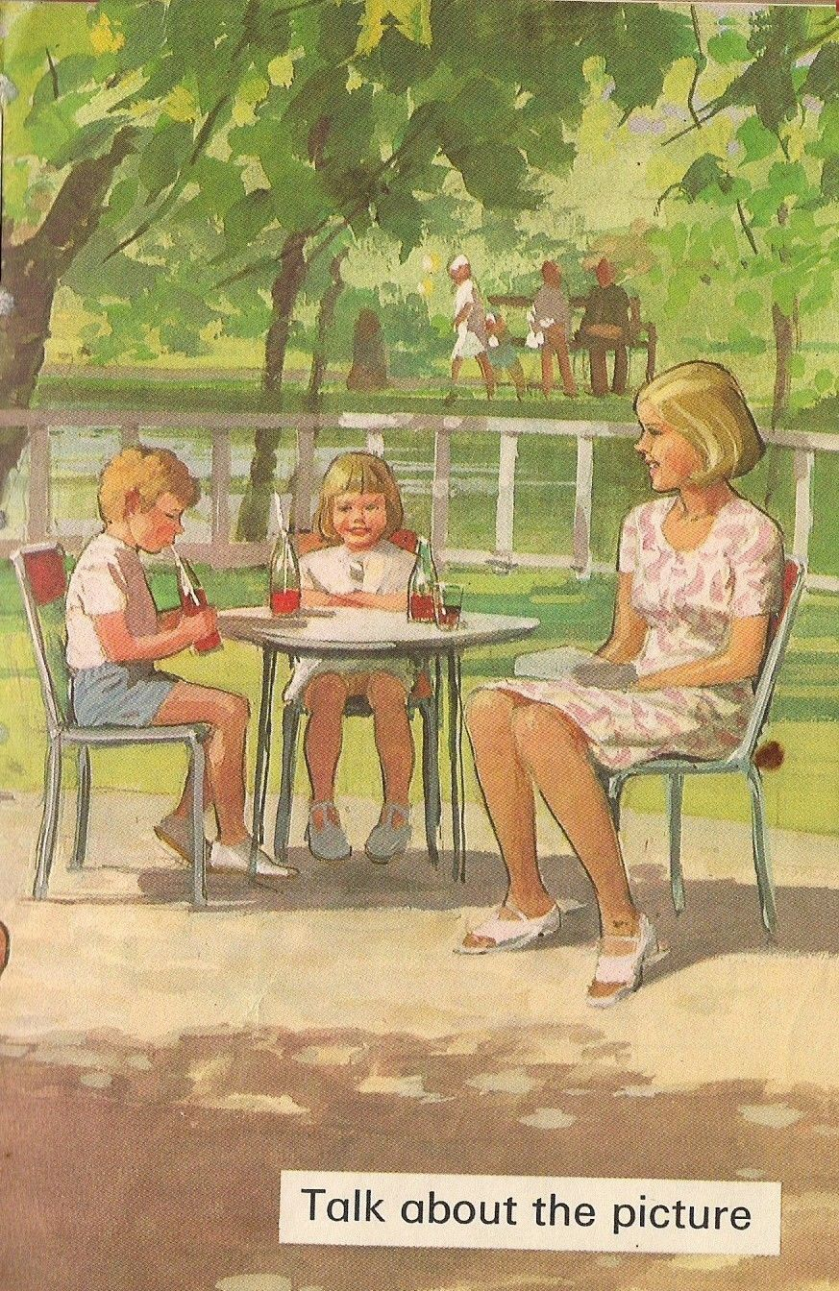

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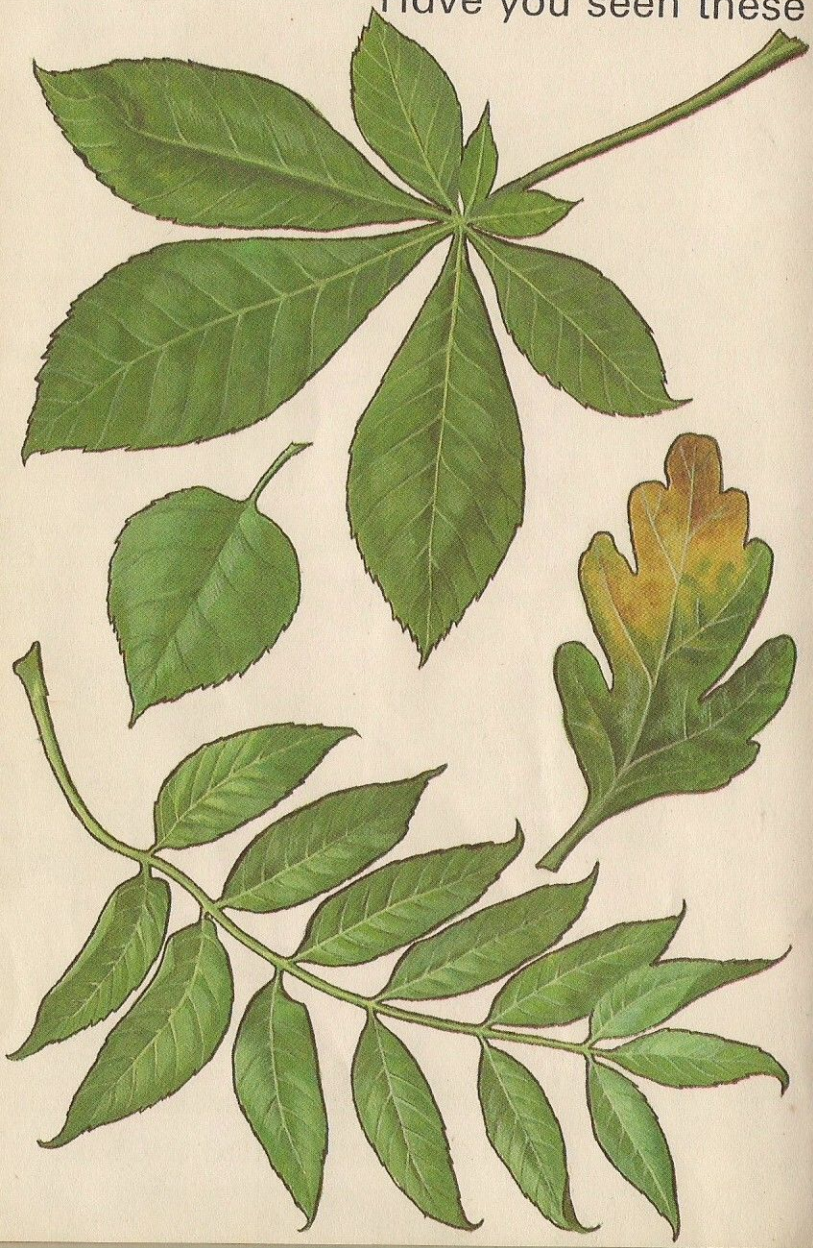

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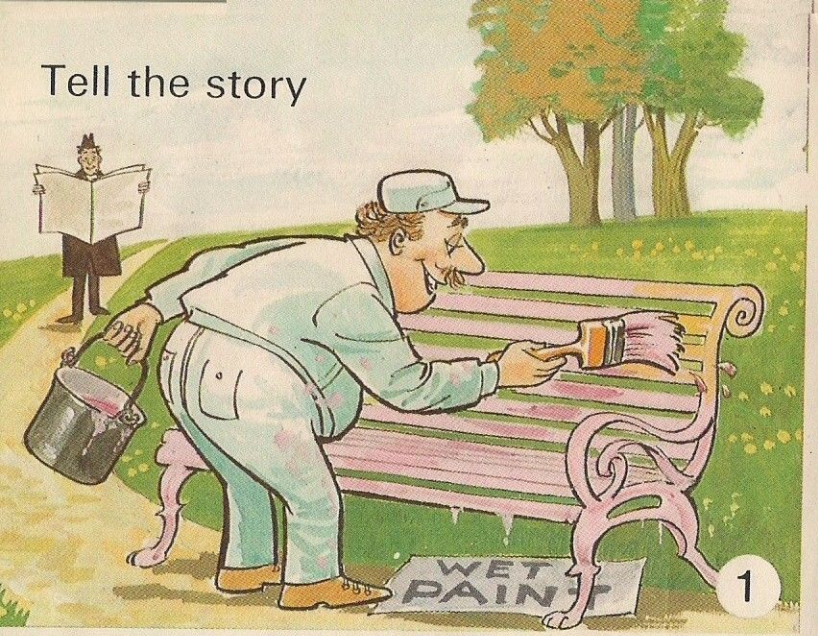

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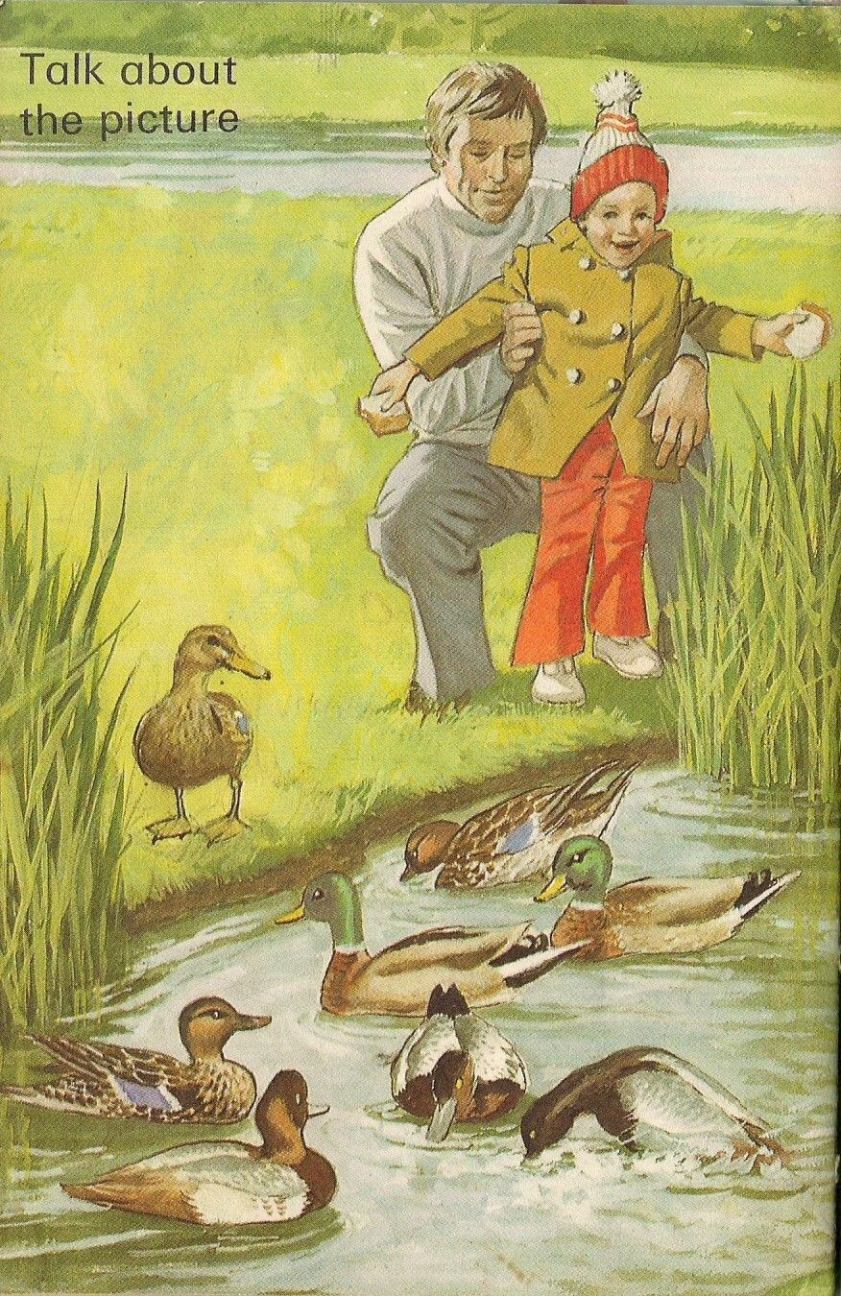

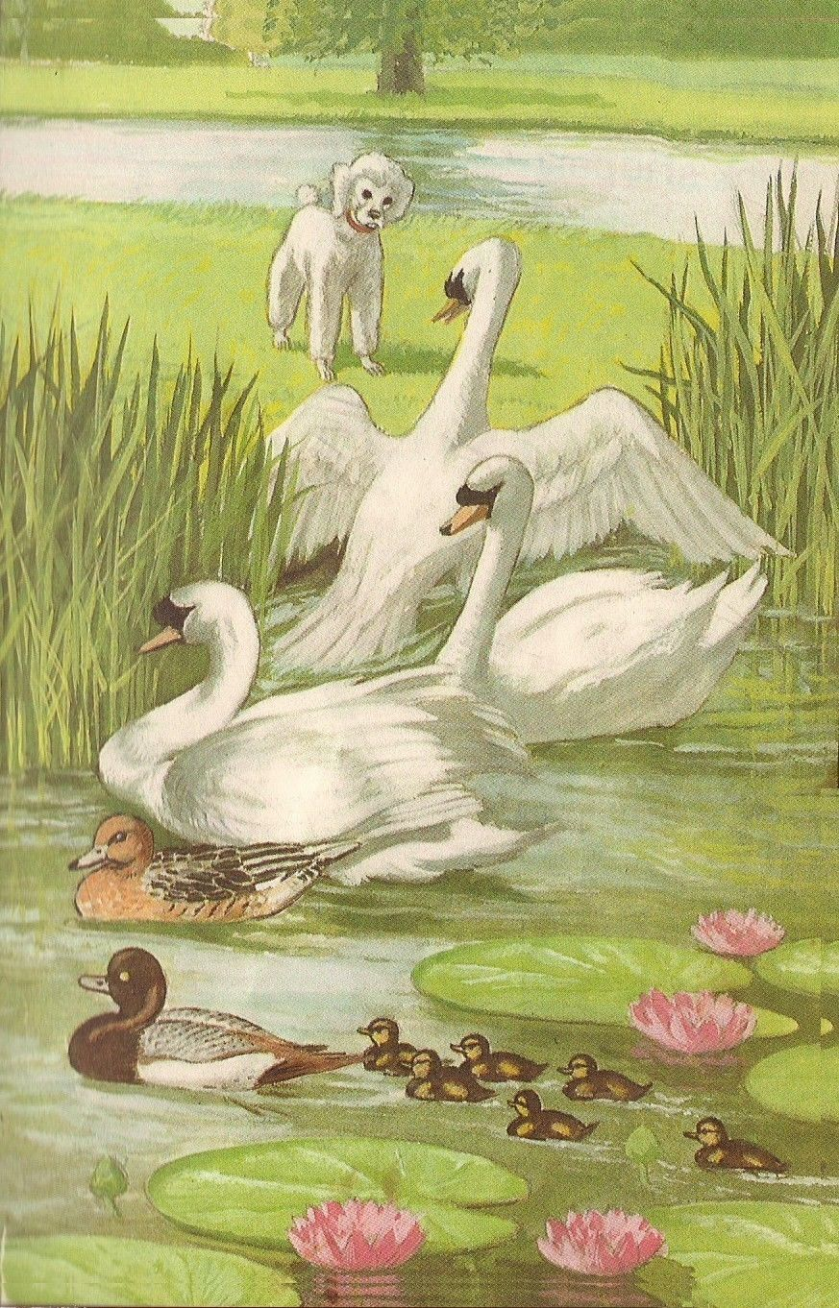

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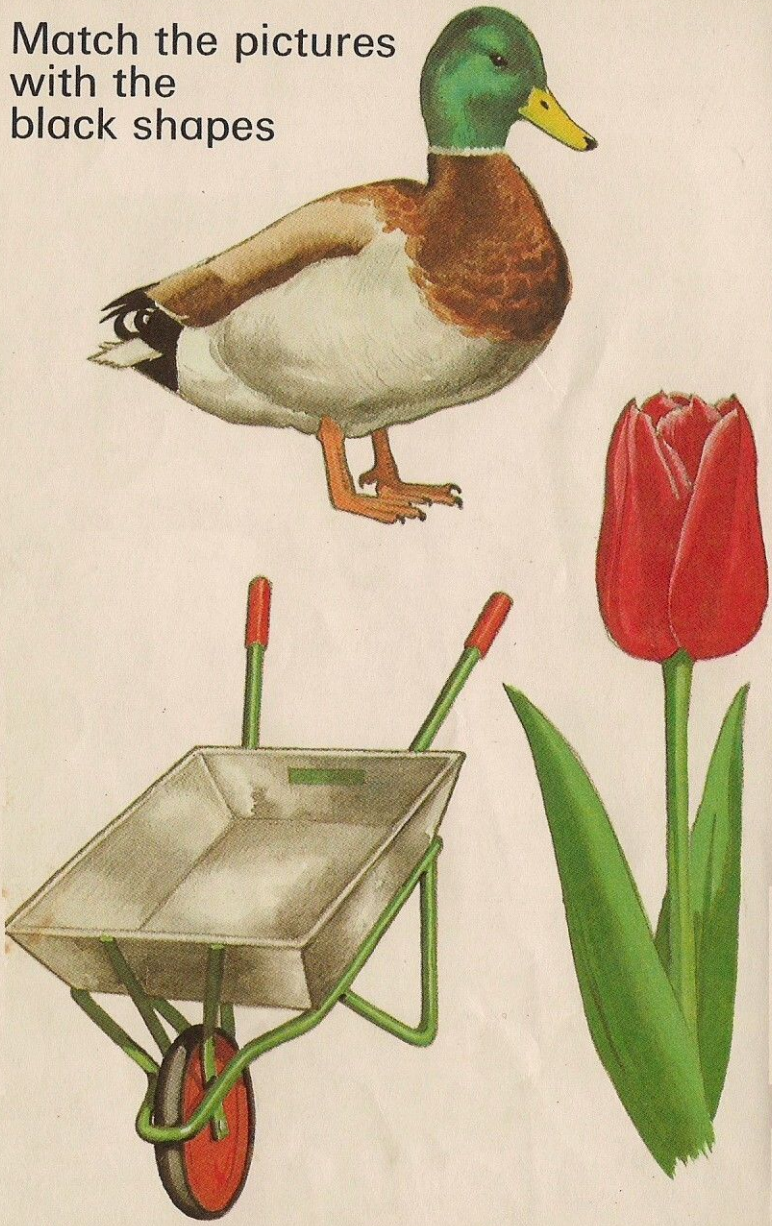

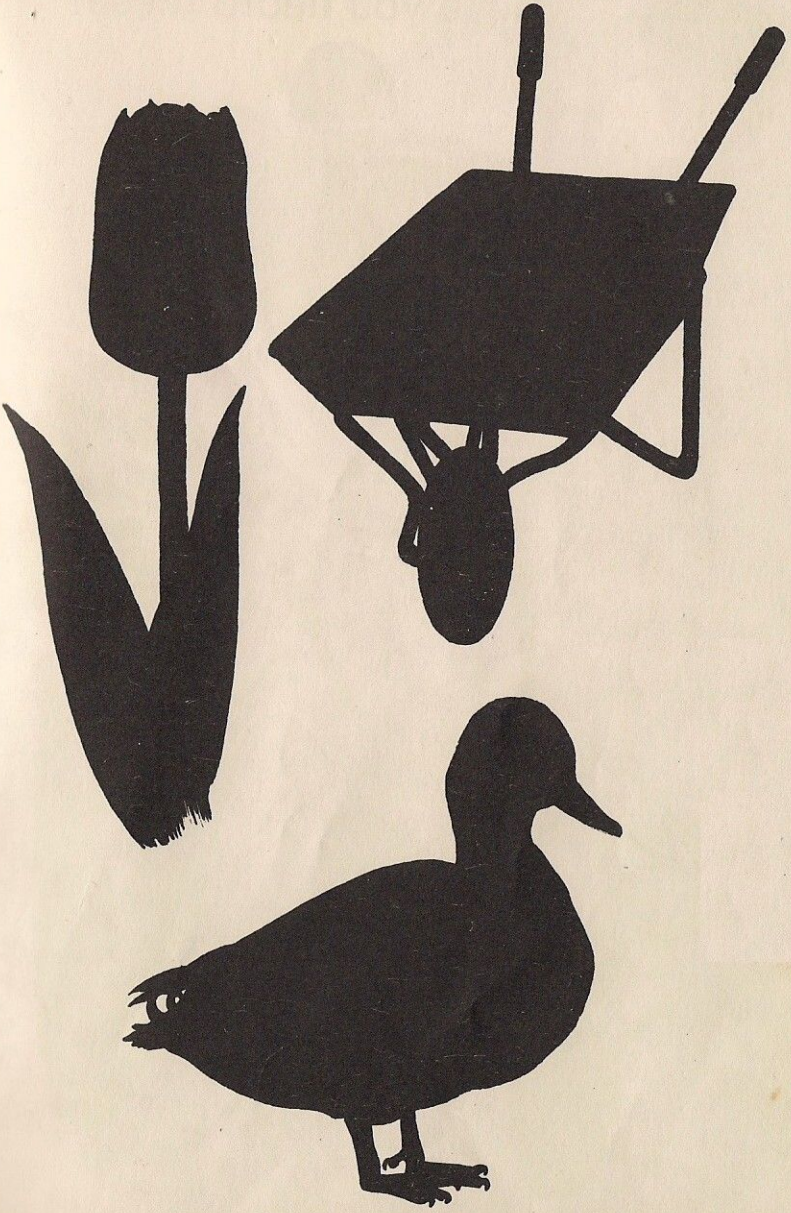

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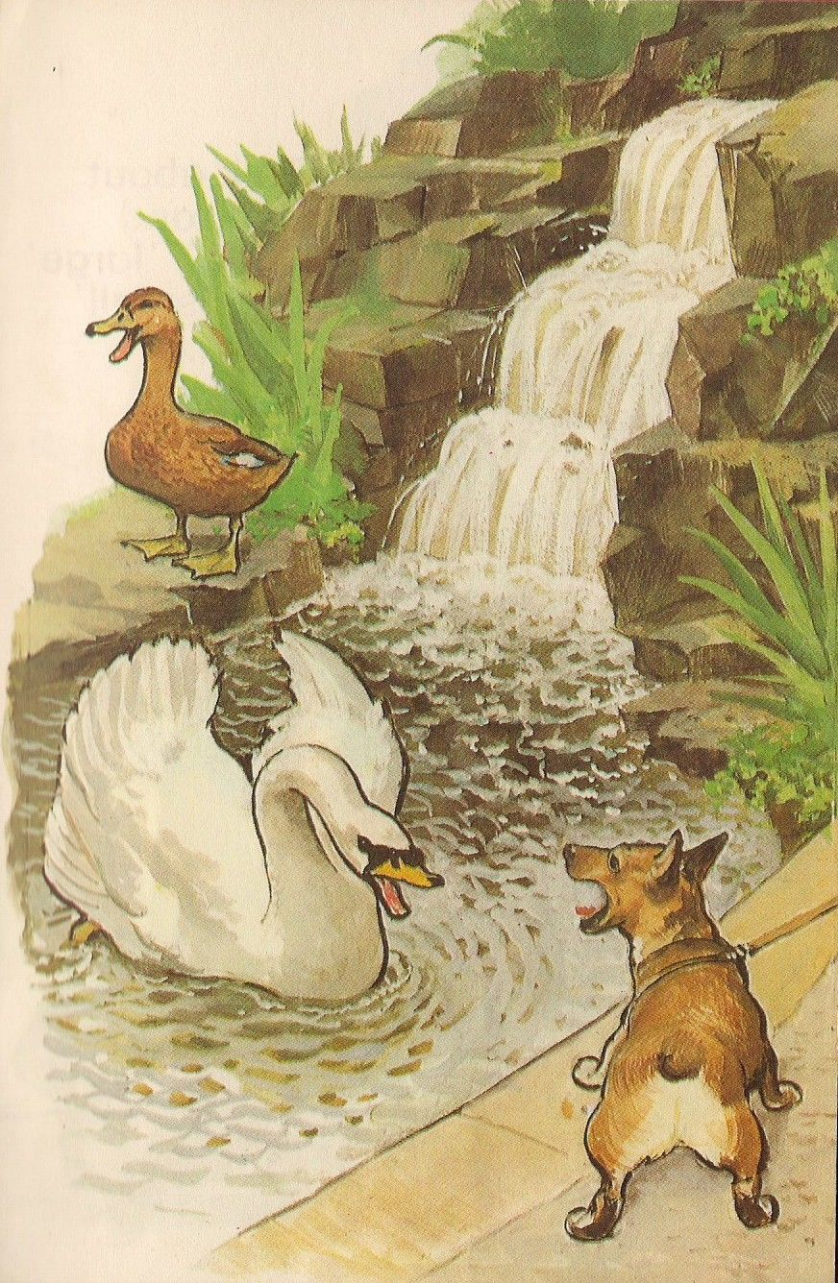

Talk about 'big' and 'little', 'large' and 'small'

M.A.

Who owns
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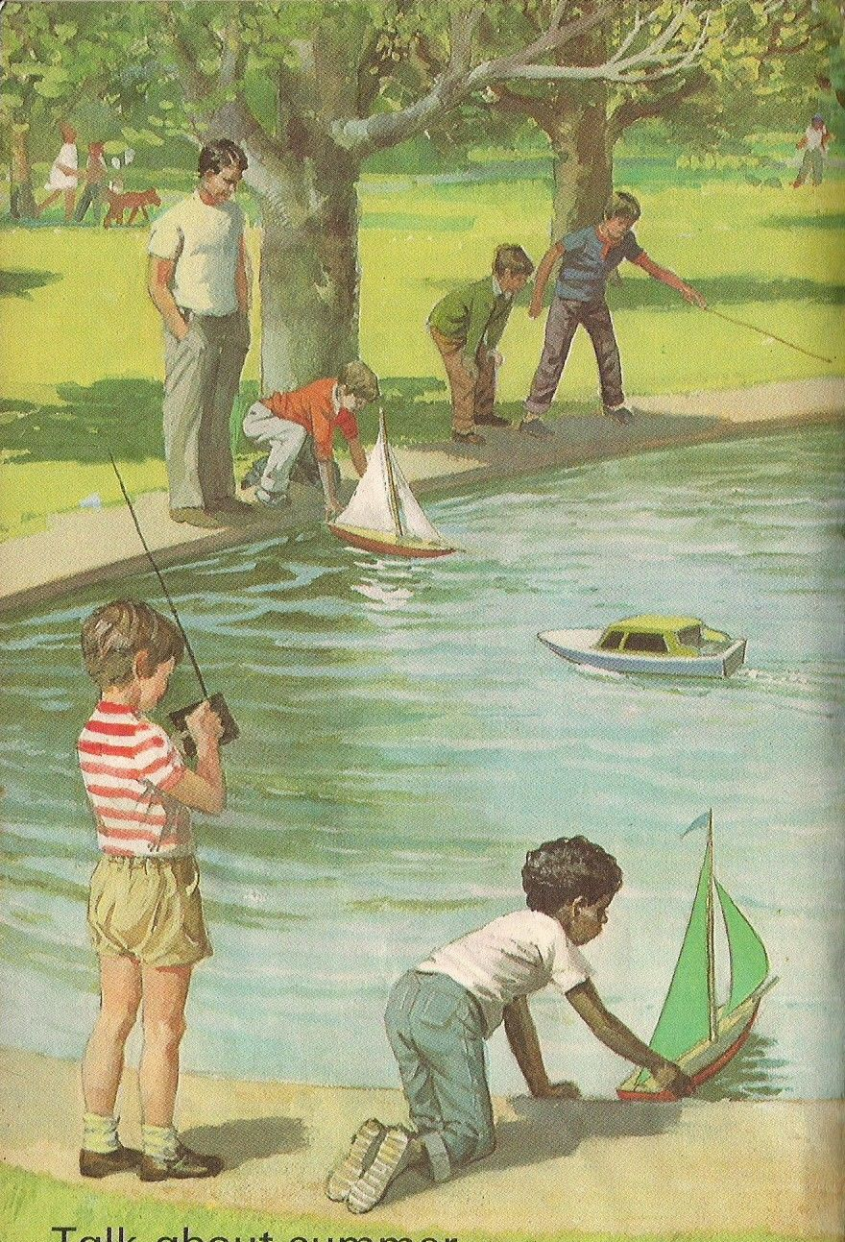
Talk about spring



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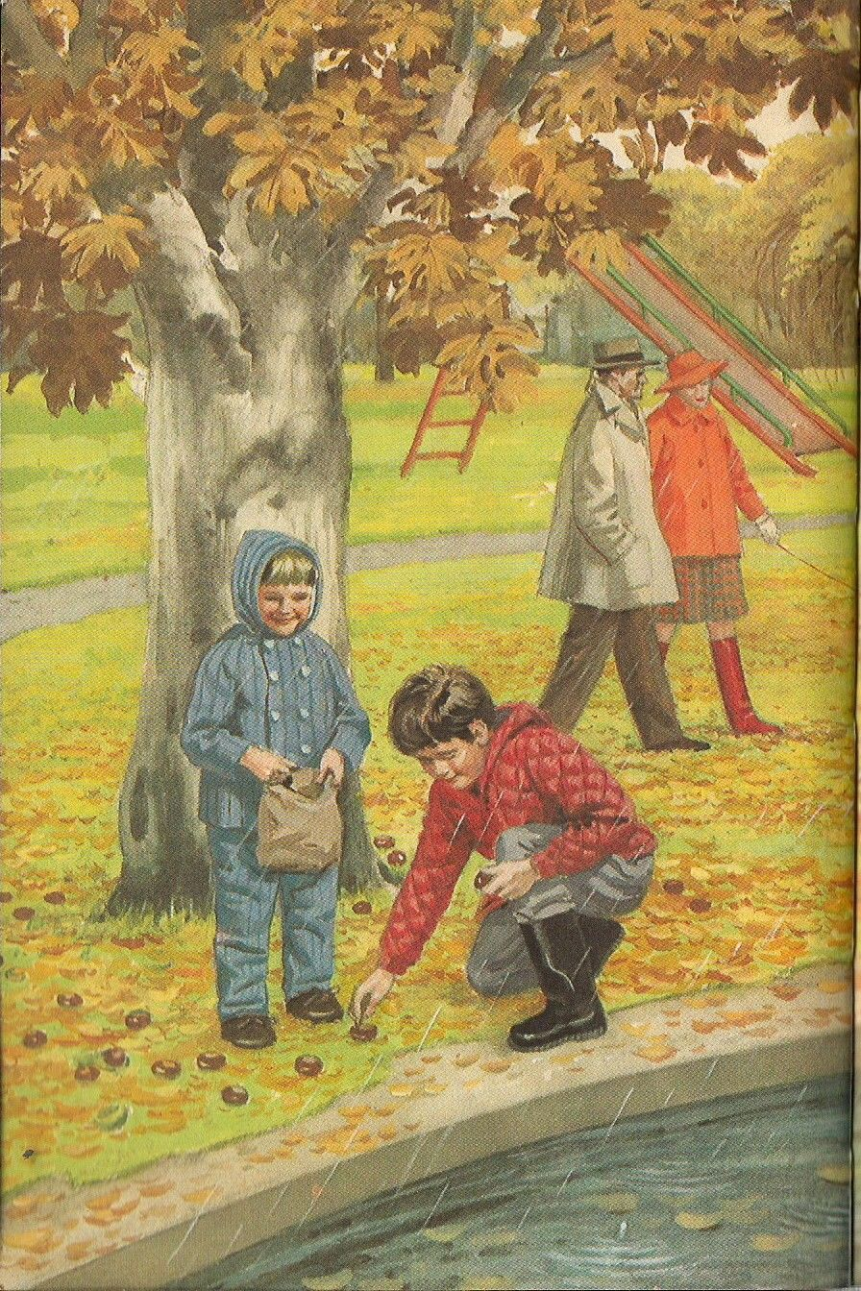

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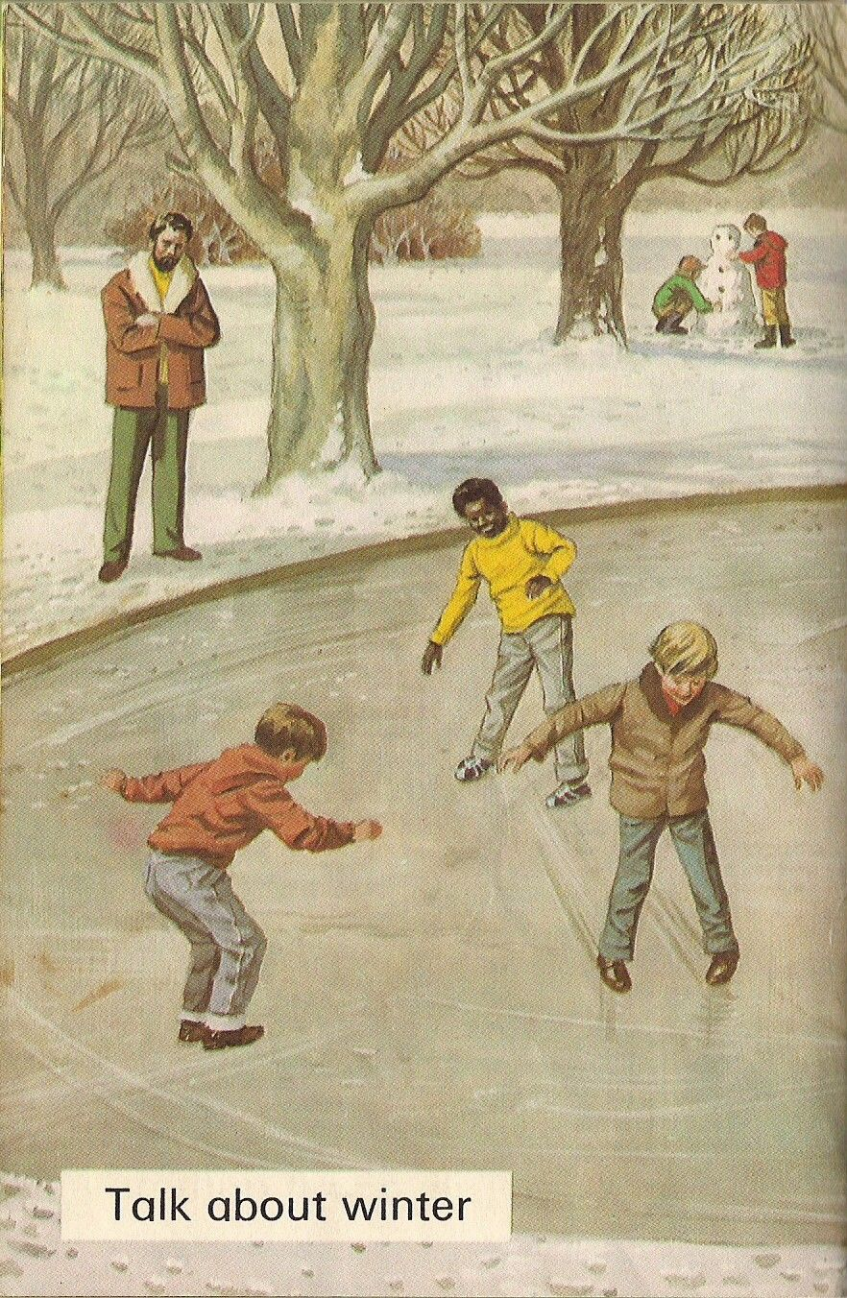

Talk about winter

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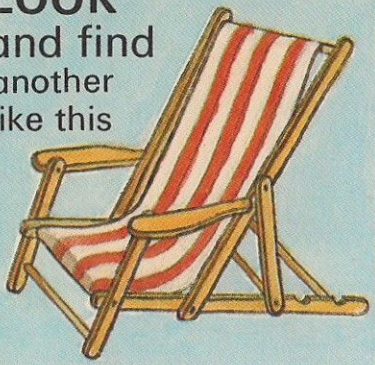

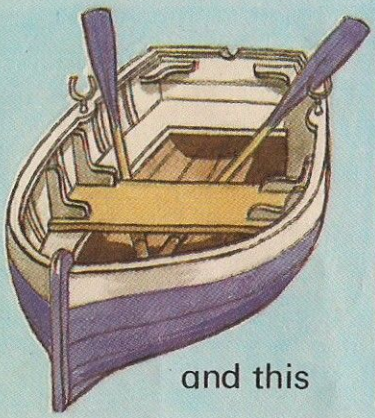

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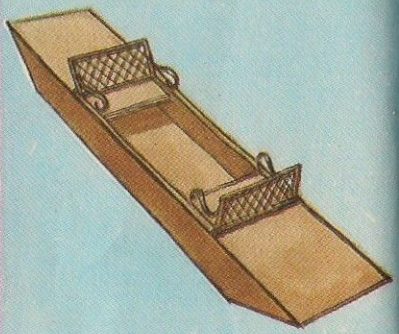

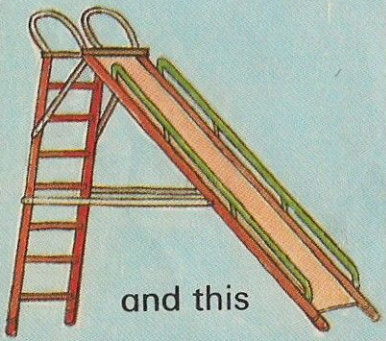

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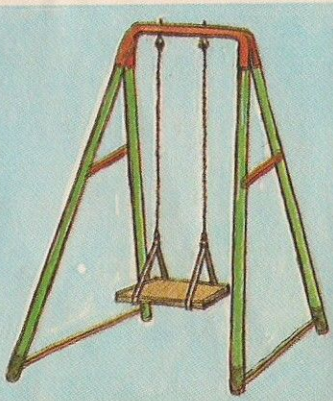

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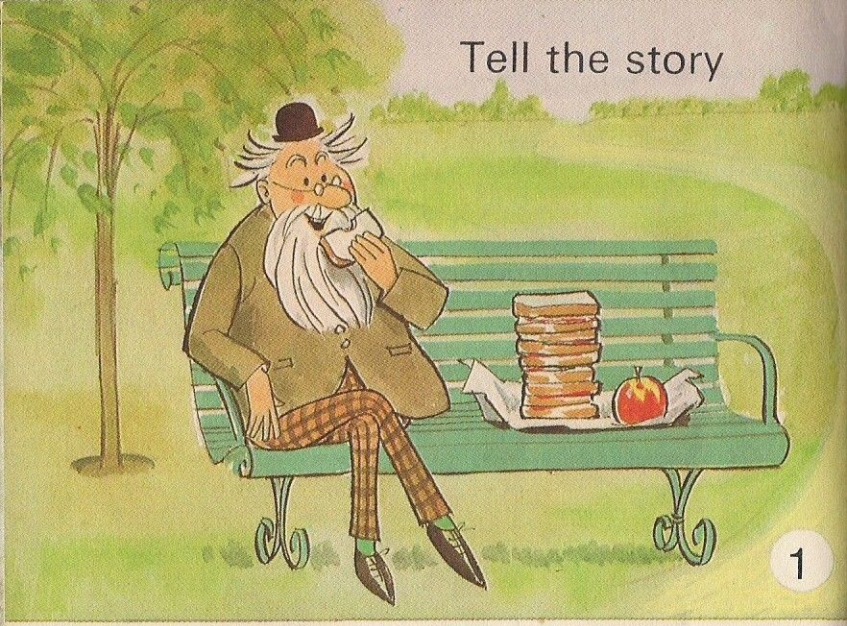

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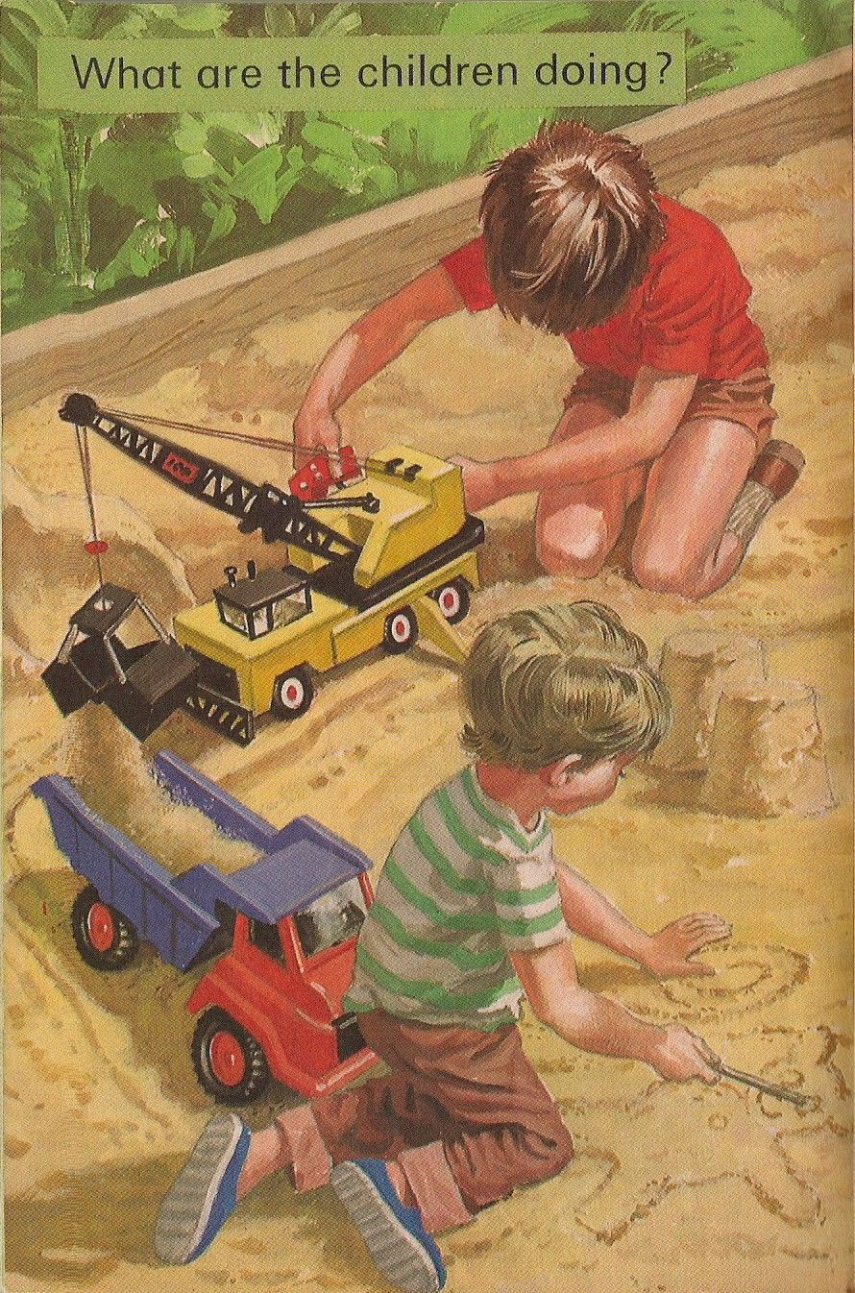

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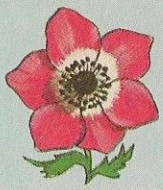

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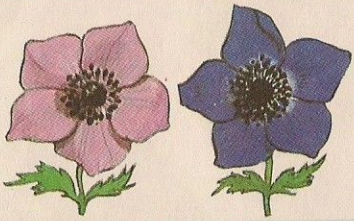

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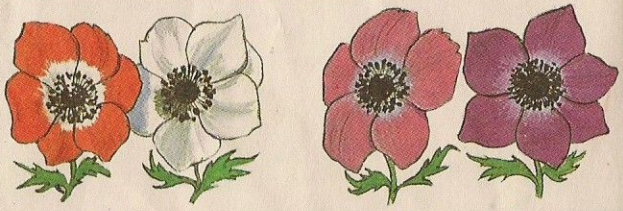

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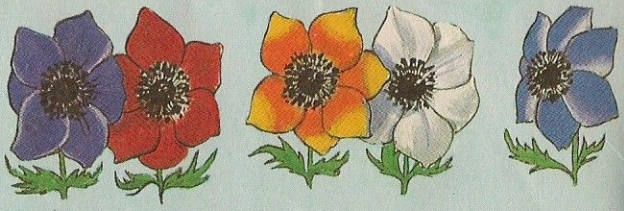

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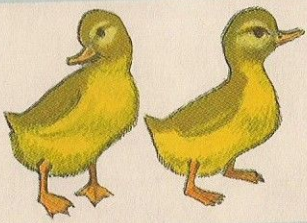

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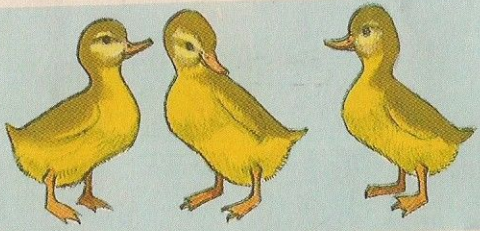

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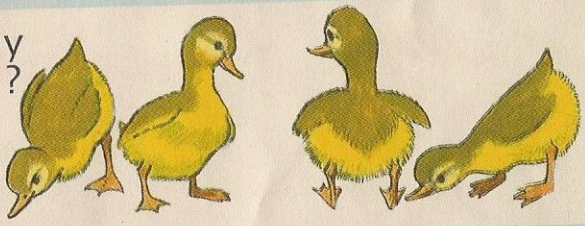

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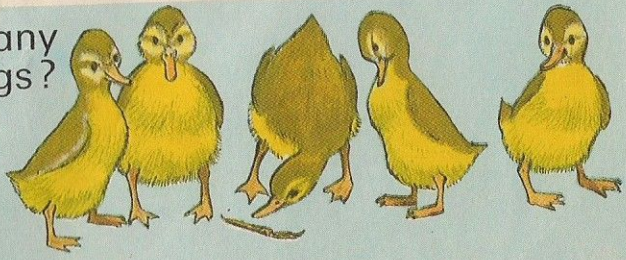

Talk about what the men are doing

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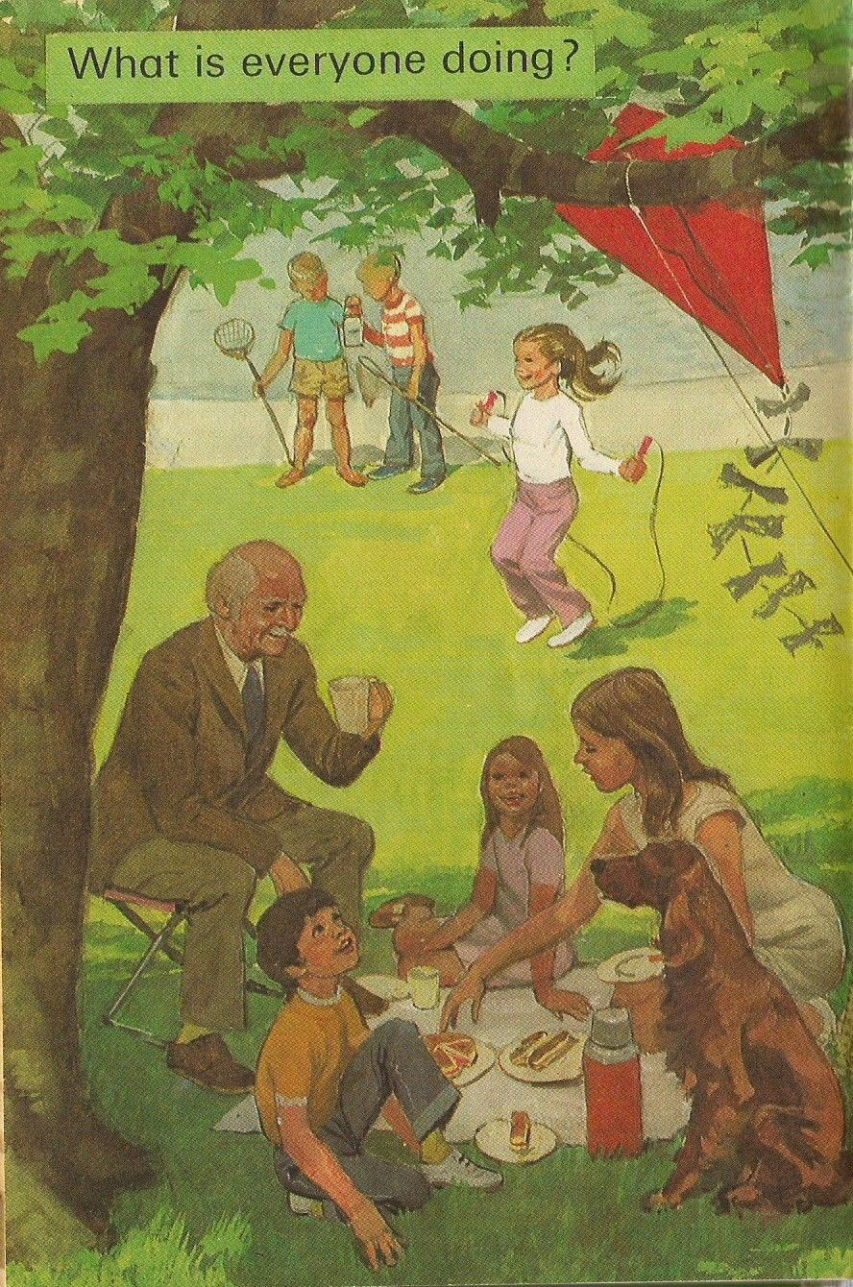
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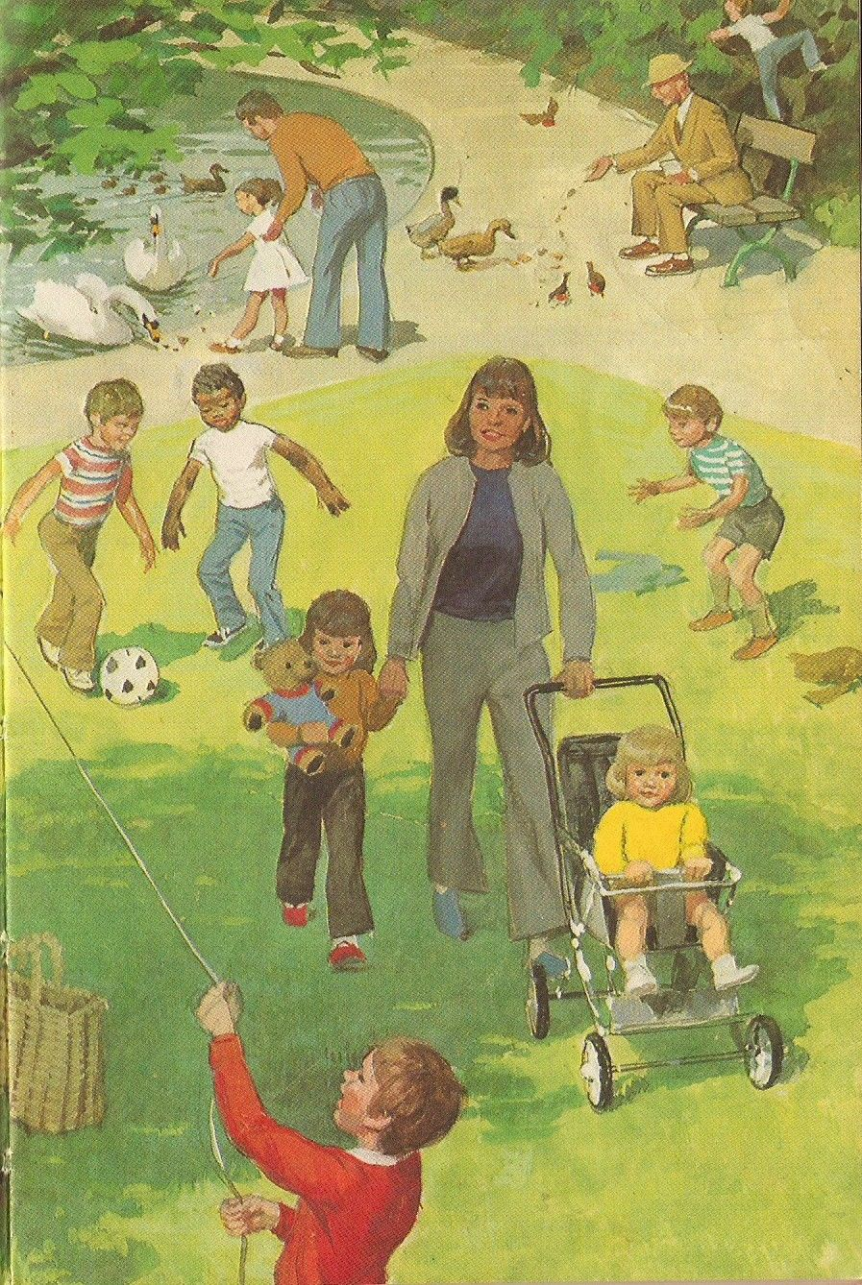

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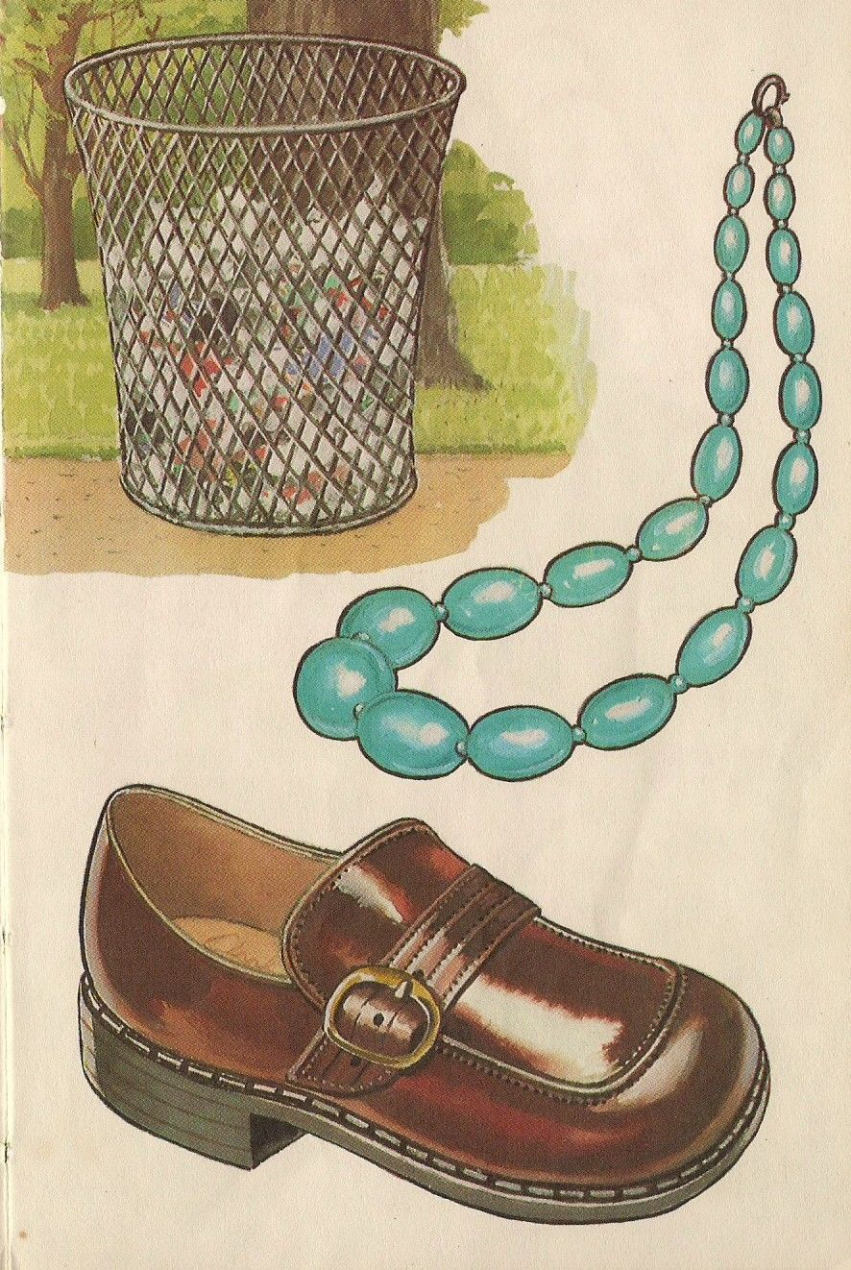

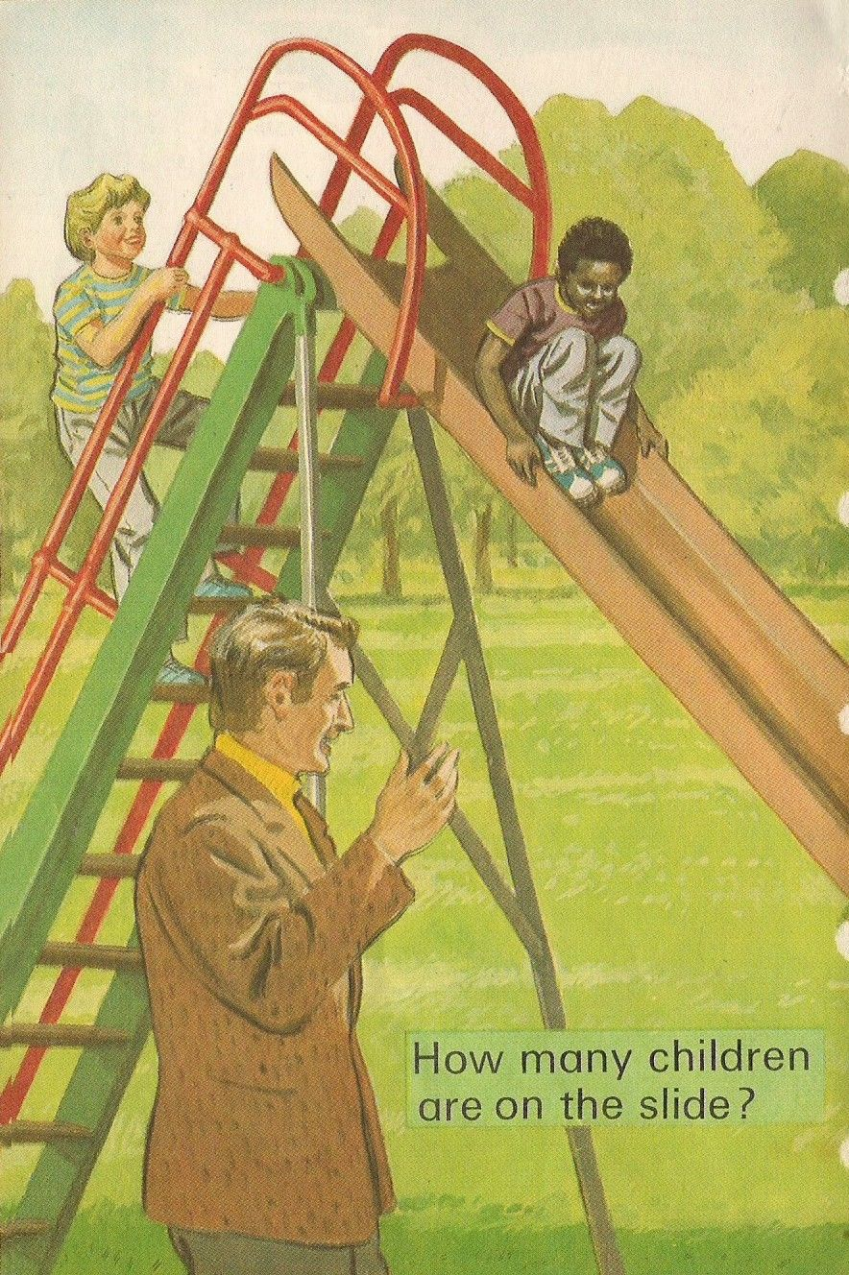

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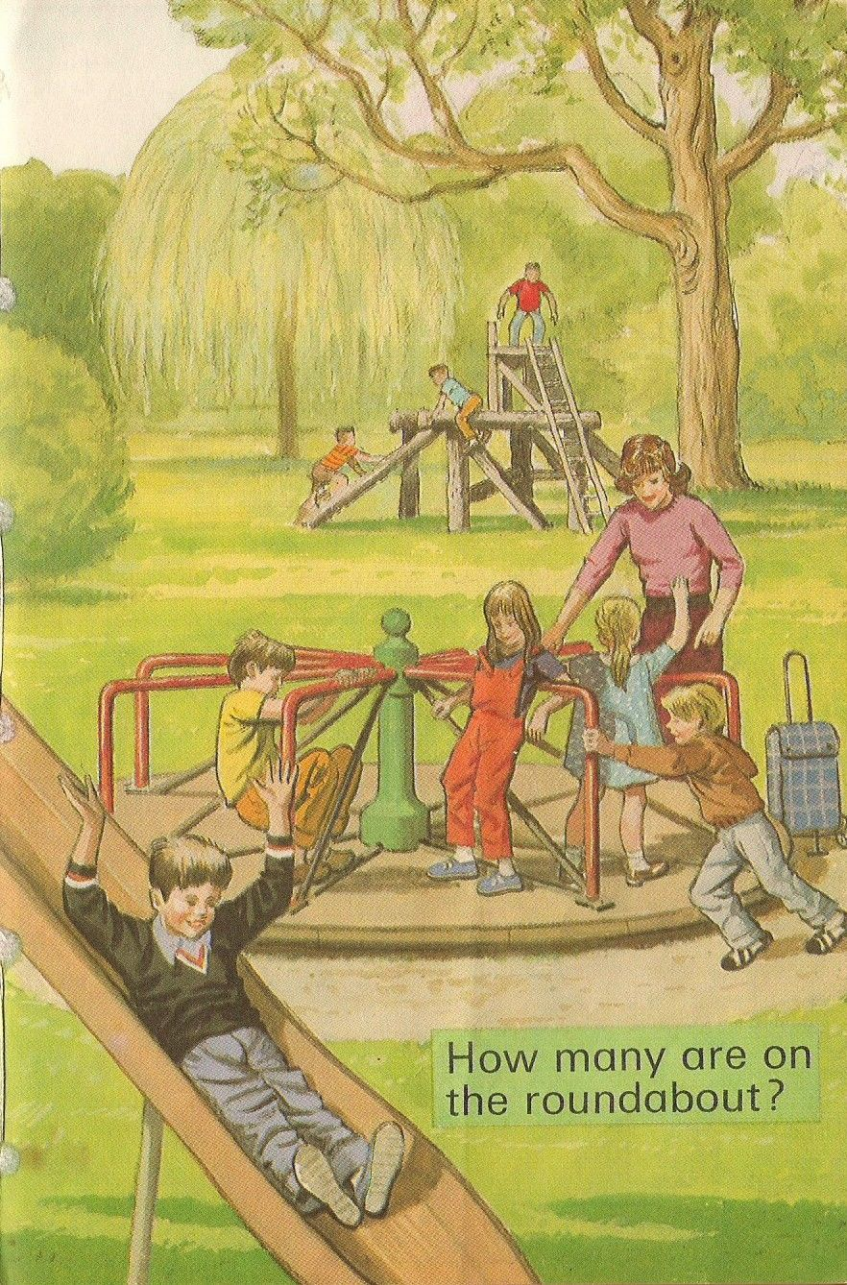

How many are on the roundabout?

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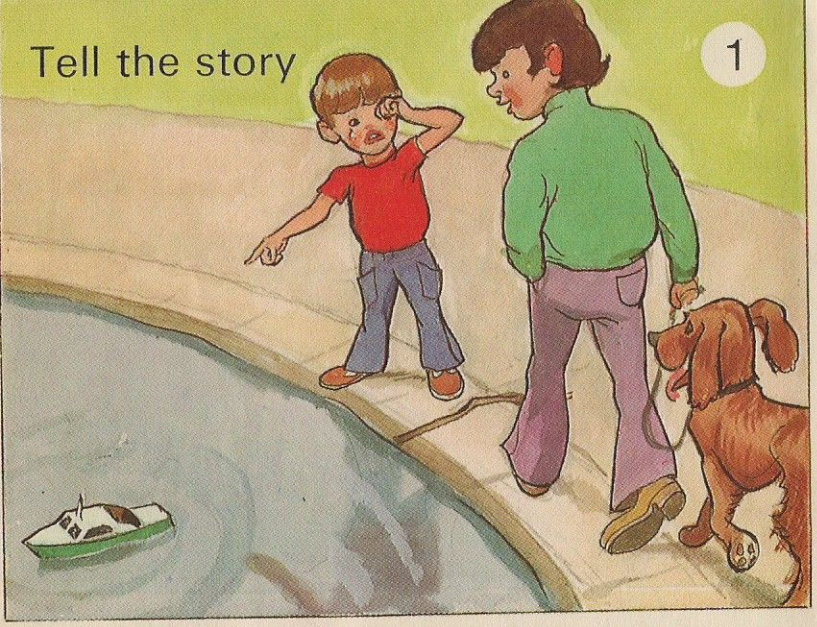

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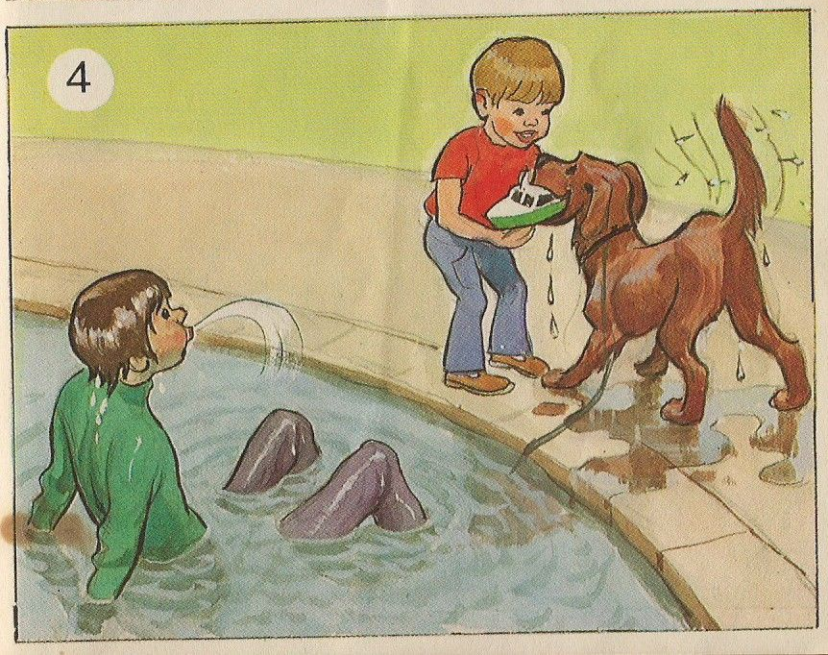
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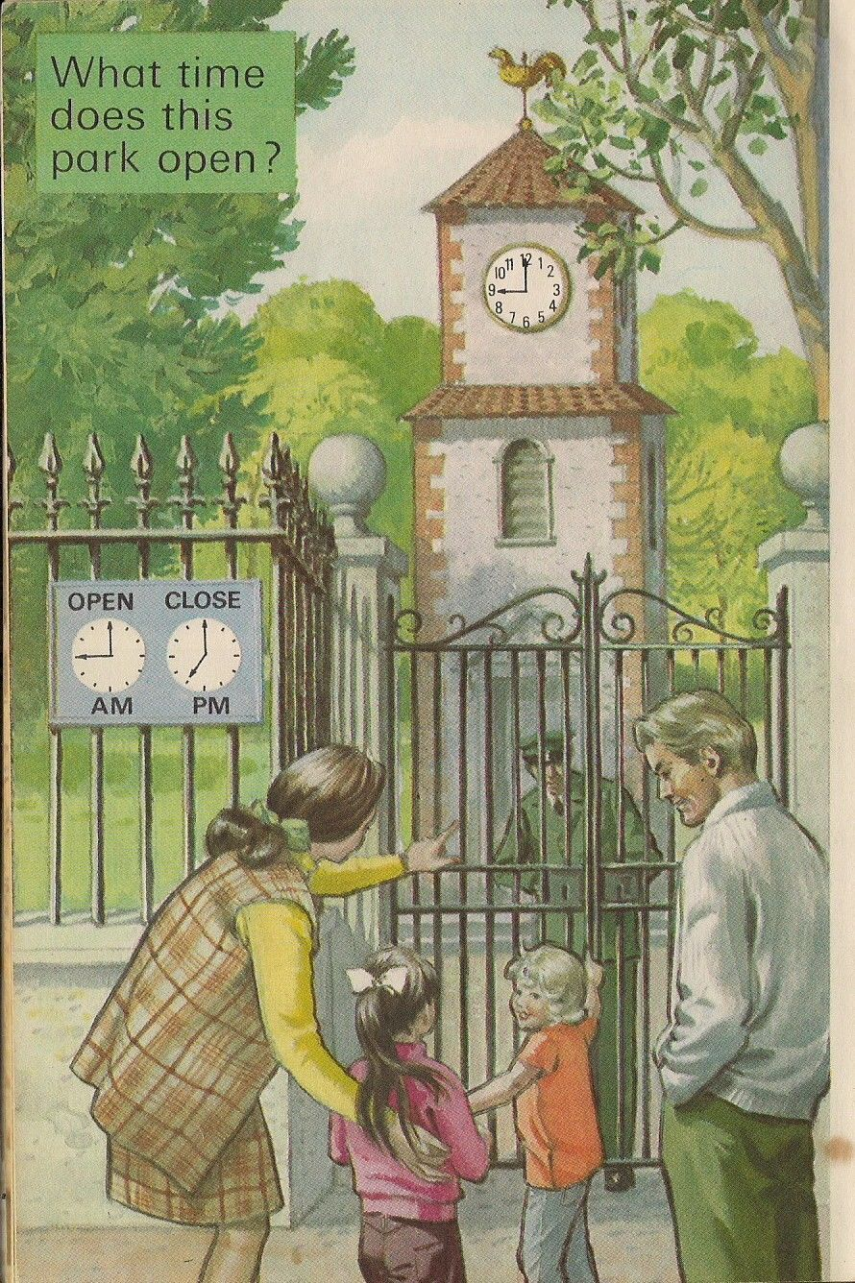
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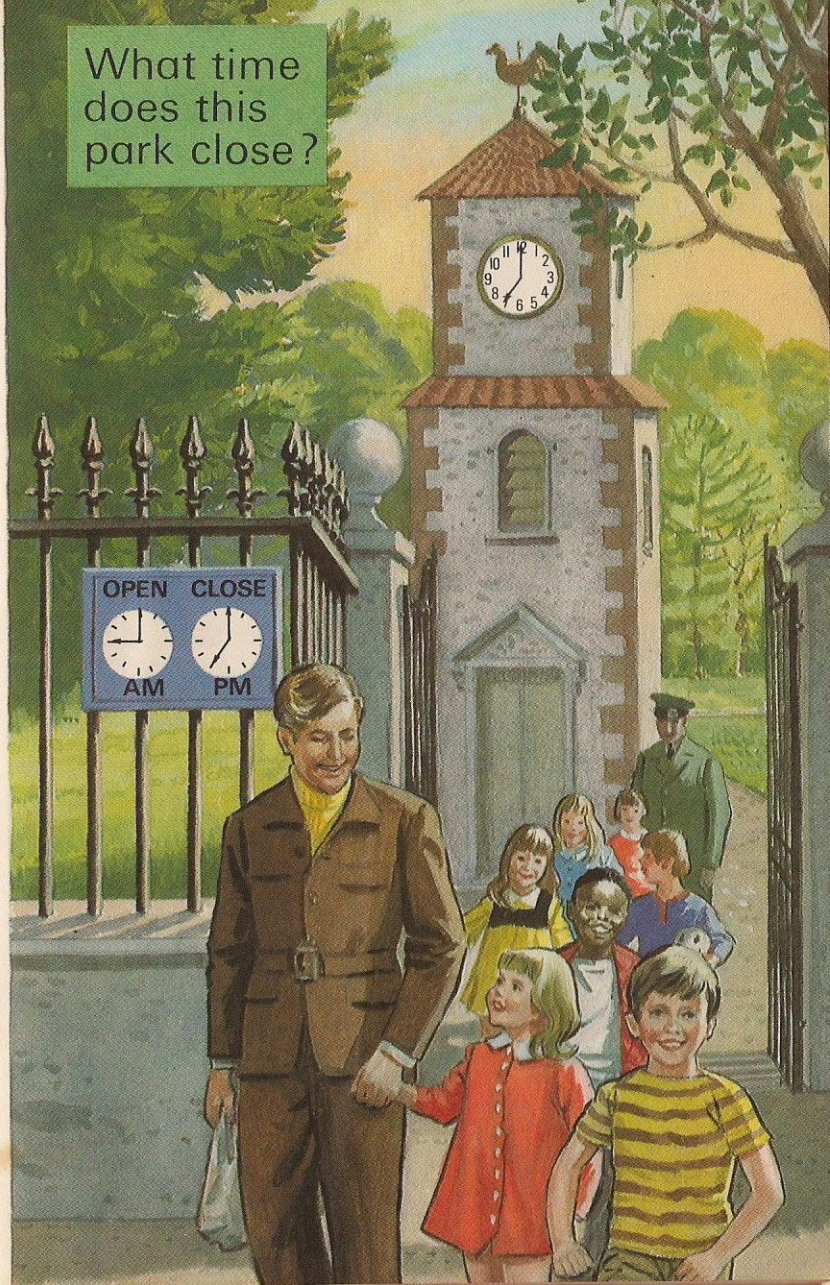
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Suggestions for extending the use of this **talkabout** book . . .

The page headings are only brief suggestions as to how the illustrations may be used. However, these illustrations have been planned to help children understand various important concepts during their discussions with you. For example, you can talk about the children in the first 'playground' picture going **up** and **down** on the see-saw, **down** the slide, and **round and round** on the roundabout. You can also talk about the various human actions to be seen in other pictures — running, climbing, sitting, bending-over, picking-up, mowing, planting-out, sweeping, etc.

In many of the illustrations (particularly, for example, the 'Look and find another like this' and 'Match the pictures with the black shapes') visual differences of shape and colour can be pointed out. The ability to

recognize differences in shape can be a great help later when learning to read.

Together you can go through the book finding all the dogs, or you can look for — and talk about — anything that has wheels. You can contrast the 'summer' and 'winter' pictures, pointing out the difference in the clothes, trees, water and so on.

Very young children have to learn that pictures can have a story sequence. It will probably be necessary for you to tell the first one or two 'Tell the story' sequences, pointing at each picture in its correct order. Eventually, and in their own time, children often wish to tell the story themselves.

All through the book there are opportunities for simple counting. For example, you can say how many baby ducklings there are in some pictures — and how many boats.

However, it must be emphasized that the main aim of this book is that you should **enjoy** discussing the illustrations.

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